

**CLAIMS:**

~~1-15.~~ (canceled)

16-1. (currently amended): A tripod stabilizer, comprising:

- (a) a stabilizing plate, said stabilizing plate being formed of a substantially rigid material;
- (b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod; and
- (c) wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate includes means for attaching a portion of said stabilizing plate to a member, said member being attached to one of said each leg of a tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of said each leg, and wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate prevents pivoting intermediate said each leg and said stabilizing plate and wherein said stabilizing plate and said member are adapted to prevent said each leg from being displaced either further away from or closer with respect to any

remaining leg of said legs and wherein no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed.

17 2. (currently amended): The tripod stabilizer of claim 16 including means for attaching a first end of said member at a location that is disposed proximate the center of said stabilizing plate, whereby said attachment of said member to said stabilizer plate at said center and at said portion is adapted to reduce a potential for wobble occurring in one of said each leg of a tripod.

20 3. (currently amended): The tripod stabilizer of claim 16 wherein said stabilizing plate is substantially triangular in shape.

21 4. (currently amended): The tripod stabilizer of claim 20 wherein said portion includes a corner portion of said stabilizing plate that is substantially triangular in shape.

18 5. (currently amended): A tripod carousel, comprising:

- (a) ~~said~~ a carousel adapted to rotate about an axis and adapted to support an object placed thereon;
- (b) means for attaching said carousel to a tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of each leg of said tripod, and
- (c) wherein when said carousel is attached to said tripod, said carousel is entirely disposed below a top of said tripod and between the legs of said tripod.

19 6. (currently amended): The tripod carousel of claim 18 5 including means for providing a source of illumination, said source of illumination adapted to illuminate said object placed in said carousel.

22 7. (currently amended): A tripod stabilizer, comprising:

- (a) a stabilizing plate, said stabilizing plate being formed of a substantially rigid material; and
- (b) said stabilizing plate having a plurality of ends, each said plurality of ends including an opening that is adapted for receiving a member therethrough and wherein said member is adapted for attachment to a leg of said tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of each leg of said tripod and wherein said stabilizing plate includes means adapted to prevent pivoting intermediate said each leg and said stabilizing plate and wherein said stabilizing plate is adapted to prevent said each leg from being displaced either further away from or closer with respect to any remaining leg of said legs and wherein no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed.

23 8. (currently amended): The tripod stabilizer of claim 22 7 wherein said plate is substantially triangular in shape.

29 9. (currently amended): A tripod stabilizer and lighted lens carousel, comprising:

(a) a stabilizing plate;

(b) means for attaching said stabilizing plate to each leg of a tripod at a location that is between a pair of opposite ends of said each leg wherein no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed;

(c) means for supporting at least one lens, said means for supporting including means for attaching said means for supporting to said stabilizing plate; and

(d) wherein said stabilizing plate is triangular in shape and is formed of a substantially rigid material and wherein said means for attaching said stabilizing plate includes a slotted means provided at each apex of said stabilizing plate, and wherein said slotted means is adapted to secure a first end of a tripod leg bracket thereto, said tripod leg bracket including an

opposite end that is attached to one of said each leg  
of a tripod.